29th July 1952] [Mr. Speaker]

(2) *The Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1952.*

In pursuance of Article 207, Clause (1), read with Article 199, Clause (1) (*a*) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation to the introduction of the Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1952, in the Madras Legislative Assembly.

(3) *The Madras Payment of Salaries and Removal of Disqualifications (Amendment) Bill, 1952.*

In pursuance of Article 207, Clause (3) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Assembly the consideration of the Madras Payment of Salaries and Removal of Disqualifications (Amendment) Bill, 1952.

(4) *The Bhavani Reservoir Irrigation Cess (Amendment) Bill, 1952.*

In pursuance of Article 207, Clause (1) read with Article 199, Clause (1), sub-clause (*a*) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation to the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Bhavani Reservoir Irrigation Cess (Amendment) Bill, 1952.' "

III.—GOVERNMENT BILL

THE MADRAS APPROPRIATION (NO. 2) BILL,[a] 1952.

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to introduce the Madras Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1952, and move—

'*That the Bill be taken into consideration at once.*'

Sir, we have had a long and strenuous session. It started with my speech as Finance Minister on the 27th June 1952. After my speech, you are aware, Sir, we had to discuss a Motion of Confidence, which I had the honour to move, for four days and we had to make some changes in the programme for the discussion of the Budget. During those four days we sat from 10-30 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the first three days and on the fourth day we sat till 7-45 p.m. We had a discussion for nearly 25 hours on these four days and even though it was a discussion on a Motion of Confidence, it covered, as a matter of fact, the entire field of Governmental administration. The Members in the Opposition had almost a monopoly of that time—not that they demanded it, but we gave it to them—and therefore during those four days about 25 hours were available to the hon. Members on the other side to review and criticise the entire Government policy. Then the general discussion lasted for six days, and during those six days exactly a hundred members participated in it. We scored a ' century '. During the Voting on Demands 280 Members have participated in the discussion and the number of speeches totalled 475. Therefore 575 speeches have been made during the Budget session and I am sure, Sir, this is a record for any Assembly or for any Parliament, considering the fact that the number of days allotted has not been much. But, Sir, we have had long sittings during all these days sitting from 10-30 a.m. to 6 p.m. having only

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